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MARCH 16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS--AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

9:30 A.M.

Presentation:

Anthony M. Chapa, special agent in charge of the U.S. Secret Service field office in Los Angeles, and Richard T. Garcia, assistant director of FBI's Los Angeles field office, are recognized as the highest ranking Hispanics in federal law enforcement.

Reports:

County Counsel provides information on legal issues facing the County with regard to same sex marriages. (Item 71, continued from 3-3)

Directors of Public Works and Beaches and Harbors and the County fire chief report on impact of recent rain storm on County. (S-1, 11 a.m.)

Financial status of Department of Health Services reported to Board. (S-2, 11:30 a.m.)

Agenda Items:

Approval sought to loan \$3 million to the City of San Fernando to assist in financing a regional swimming facility in Recreation Park, at corner of Park Avenue and Fourth Street. (Items 1-D and 16)

Continuation proposed of March 23 hearing on revisions to the Rowland Heights Community Standards District to allow further study on traffic improvement and non-conforming signage. (Item 2)

Supervisor Gloria Molina seeks review of 2003 Sheriff's Department audit to determine if cities should be paying more for services provided by the County. (Item 3)

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich requests supervisors endorse the Statement of Support for the National Guard and Reserve, which includes job protection for employees who serve in the Guard or Reserve. (Item 10)

Children and Family Services Department asks for \$2.5 million in county funds to cover salary increases not included in current budget. (Item 15)

Approval sought to provide \$25,000 to design new Antelope Valley Child Abuse Center. (Item 19)

Community and Senior Services asks supervisors to approve \$417,000 to expand the number of trained long-term care volunteers who assist residents of nursing homes in the County. (Item 20)

Consideration given to spending \$907,000 to consolidate the pediatrics intensive care unit at LAC+USC Medical Center Women's and Children's Hospital to correct deficiencies that threaten pediatric trauma care certification. (Item 22)

Supervisors asked to approve maximum \$1 million contract to continue providing outpatient medical care to state prisoners in the High Desert. (Item 23)

Authorization sought to reallocate \$1.5 million of funds within the Mental Health Department to implement a \$1.8 million Countywide training, research and treatment center at Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center for adults and teen-agers with mental illness and substance abuse disorders. (Item 29)

Supervisors asked to approve maximum \$239,635 increase in Public Social Services LEADER computer system agreement to buy equipment for 240 additional workstations for staff training. (Item 33)

Contract for \$34 million proposed to remove sediment from recent fires from the San Gabriel Dam and Reservoir. (Item 38, continued from 2-17, 3-3 and 3-9)

Supervisors consider approving \$1 million three-year extension of agreement with Amer-I-Can Foundation to provide specialized training in disturbance mediation for deputies and inmates at the Sheriff's North County Correctional Facility. (Item 61, continued from 3-3)

Sheriff's Department seeks authorization to charge jail inmates \$3 for non-emergent, self-initiated medical treatment. (Item 64)

Emergency Medical Services Commission asks supervisors to support state ballot initiative that would use surcharge on telephone calls made within California to fund emergency rooms, trauma centers and the 9-1-1 emergency dispatch system. (Item 70, continued from 1-13 and 1-20)

Settlement:

Supervisors consider \$150,000 settlement of case in which Probation Department employee alleges sexual harassment from March 1998 to June 2001 while working at Challenger Memorial Youth Center in Lancaster. (Item 68)